

BOX: PATENT APPLICATION

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Prior Application: Y. ITOU et al  
USSN 09/266,634  
Filed: March 11, 1999

Group Art Unit: 2122  
Examiner: C. Das  
For: METHOD OF REDUCING UNNECESSARY  
BARRIER INSTRUCTIONS

REQUEST FOR CONTINUATION APPLICATION  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)

Assistant Commissioner of Patents

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) of pending prior application Serial No. 09/266,634, filed March 11, 1999, entitled METHOD OF REDUCING UNNECESSARY BARRIER INSTRUCTIONS, by all of the inventors named in the prior application.

1. Enclosed is a copy of the prior application, including the Declaration as originally filed.

2. The Filing Fee is calculated below:

**CLAIMS AS FILED IN THE PRIOR APPLICATION  
LESS ANY CLAIMS CANCELED BY AMENDMENT BELOW  
PLUS ANY CLAIMS ADDED BY ACCOMPANYING PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Basic Fee										\$ 710.00
Total Claims	3	-	20	=	0	x	18	=	\$	0.00
Independent Claims	3	-	3	=	0	x	80	=	\$	0.00
Total Filing Fee										\$ 710.00

3. A check including the amount of \$710.00 is enclosed to cover the Filing Fee.

4. Cancel claims 2-17 before calculating the Filing Fee.  
A Preliminary Amendment is being filed herewith.

5. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1417.

6. Amend the specification by inserting, before the first line:

--This application is a continuation application of U.S. Serial No. 09/266,634, filed March 11, 1999.--

7. New drawings are enclosed, four (4) sheets, Figs. 1-6.

8. The power of attorney is set forth in the Declaration in the prior application or an associate power of attorney is hereby granted to:

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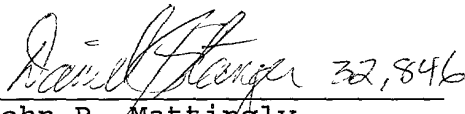
9. The prior application is assigned to Hitachi, Ltd.

10. Priority of the following Japanese patent applications is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119:

No. 10-061508, filed March 12, 1998.

The certified priority document has been filed in the parent application.

The undersigned hereby declares that no matter contained in the specification, including the claims, and drawings filed in the present continuation application would have been new matter in the prior application Serial No. 09/266,634, as originally filed on March 11, 1999.

  
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